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# Water Bank Program

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## PREFACE

The Water Bank Program (WBP) is authorized under the Water Bank Act, Public Law 91-559 approved December 19, 1970, as amended by Public Law 96-182 and approved by the President on January 2, 1980.

Under the Water Bank Program, agreements are entered into with landowners and operators in important migratory waterfowl nesting and breeding areas for the conservation of specified wetlands. The agreements are for 10-year periods, with provision for renewals for addition periods.

The program is currently being concentrated in the "pothole" wetland areas of the central and Mississippi migratory waterfowl flyways with a limited number of counties in other wetland areas of the country. The Water Bank Program is administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) of the U. S. Department of Agriculture through its State and county offices. Technical assistance is provided by the Soil Conservation Service.

This report reflects the accomplishments under the Water Bank Program since inception of the program in 1972.

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WATER BANK PROGRAM

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Participation in ASCS programs is open to all eligible farmers regardless of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin.

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TABLE 1.--SUMMARY OF STATUS OF AGREEMENTS CARRIED OUT UNDER  
THE WATER BANK PROGRAM, 1972 THROUGH 9/30/80

UNITED STATES

State	Number of Agreements	Designated Acres			Annual Payment
		Total	Wetlands	Adjacent	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Arkansas-----	146	34,079	14,210	19,869	183,499
California----	89	27,720	6,407	21,313	306,032
Louisiana-----	90	14,967	3,971	10,996	162,624
Maine-----	144	9,616	3,286	6,330	52,968
Michigan-----	139	5,383	1,445	3,938	84,212
Minnesota-----	1,601	85,154	21,694	63,460	1,344,439
Mississippi---	118	21,773	9,798	11,975	110,105
Montana-----	121	16,249	3,010	13,239	196,265
Nebraska-----	72	6,756	2,905	3,851	119,637
North Dakota--	1,728	245,399	68,339	177,060	3,099,031
Oregon-----	2	1,020	212	808	9,142
South Dakota--	1,005	147,919	30,425	117,494	1,977,190
Vermont-----	129	7,608	2,859	4,749	52,000
Washington----	16	1,367	293	1,074	15,803
Wisconsin-----	485	22,713	9,861	12,852	326,781
Total-----	5,885	647,723	178,715	469,008	8,039,728

TABLE 2.--STATUS OF AGREEMENTS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE WATER BANK PROGRAM,  
1972 THROUGH 9/30/80, BY STATES

ARKANSAS

Program Year	Number of Agreements	Designated Acres			Annual Payment
		Total	Wetlands	Adjacent	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
1972.....	---	---	---	---	---
1973.....	---	---	---	---	---
1974.....	19	5,317	1,538	3,779	26,028
1975.....	6	4,212	1,182	3,030	21,620
1976.....	20	3,898	811	3,087	19,516
1977.....	9	2,146	473	1,673	10,731
1978.....	21	5,415	3,599	1,816	25,725
1979.....	27	5,947	2,784	3,163	29,862
1980.....	44	7,144	3,823	3,321	50,017
Total.....	146	34,079	14,210	19,869	183,499

CALIFORNIA

1972.....	4	1,140	299	841	10,382
1973.....	8	2,043	585	1,458	14,588
1974.....	14	9,243	2,252	6,991	88,346
1975.....	9	2,510	573	1,937	22,197
1976.....	---	---	---	---	---
1977.....	15	5,978	1,363	4,615	61,547
1978.....	11	1,303	297	1,006	18,085
1979.....	21	2,863	526	2,337	47,165
1980.....	7	2,640	512	2,128	43,722
Total.....	89	27,720	6,407	21,313	306,032

LOUISIANA

1972.....	7	777	372	405	3,881
1973.....	---	---	---	---	---
1974.....	4	505	286	219	2,677
1975.....	2	261	196	65	1,305
1976.....	21	2,809	560	2,249	25,291
1977.....	10	4,123	955	3,168	36,592
1978.....	1	467	78	389	4,277
1979.....	21	2,818	303	2,515	48,517
1980.....	24	3,207	1,221	1,986	40,084
Total.....	90	14,967	3,971	10,996	162,624

MAINE

1972.....	24	1,870	757	1,113	9,524
1973.....	---	---	---	---	---
1974.....	23	827	402	425	4,202
1975.....	26	1,602	552	1,050	6,481
1976.....	14	560	138	422	2,825
1977.....	5	1,806	505	1,301	9,656
1978.....	18	1,062	341	721	5,474
1979.....	27	1,437	421	1,016	10,595
1980.....	7	452	170	282	4,211
Total.....	144	9,616	3,286	6,330	52,968

MICHIGAN

1972.....	---	---	---	---	---
1973.....	---	---	---	---	---
1974.....	20	557	113	444	6,720
1975.....	7	322	87	235	2,645
1976.....	5	151	24	127	2,032
1977.....	32	1,199	342	857	17,618
1978.....	20	770	242	528	11,261
1979.....	29	1,236	300	936	18,346
1980.....	26	1,148	337	811	25,590
Total.....	139	5,383	1,445	3,938	84,212

TABLE 2.--STATUS OF AGREEMENTS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE WATER BANK PROGRAM,  
1972 THROUGH 9/30/80, BY STATES

MINNESOTA

Program Year	Number of Agreements	Designated Acres			Annual Payment
		Total	Wetlands	Adjacent	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
1972.....	199	8,761	2,201	6,560	102,952
1973.....	62	3,956	1,048	2,908	40,647
1974.....	314	16,254	4,672	11,582	214,251
1975.....	135	6,974	1,996	4,978	86,447
1976.....	98	6,652	1,693	4,959	87,076
1977.....	164	10,730	2,638	8,092	166,725
1978.....	204	12,192	2,507	9,685	215,621
1979.....	266	10,287	2,392	7,895	221,360
1980.....	157	9,204	2,519	6,685	205,815
1981 <u>1/</u> .....	2	144	28	116	3,545
Total.....	1,601	85,154	21,694	63,460	1,344,439

MISSISSIPPI

1972.....	23	5,435	2,122	3,313	27,175
1973.....	---	---	---	---	---
1974.....	11	4,036	2,645	1,391	20,180
1975.....	20	2,982	1,582	1,400	14,910
1976.....	17	2,588	864	1,724	12,940
1977.....	8	1,069	291	778	5,345
1978.....	12	3,508	914	2,594	17,527
1979.....	18	1,646	1,107	539	8,219
1980.....	9	509	273	236	3,809
Total.....	118	21,773	9,798	11,975	110,105

MONTANA

1972.....	22	2,404	689	1,715	22,780
1973.....	18	2,352	500	1,852	35,155
1974.....	28	2,291	576	1,715	22,992
1975.....	4	510	128	382	6,119
1976.....	4	445	67	378	6,569
1977.....	13	2,409	302	2,107	24,478
1978.....	18	3,697	298	3,399	54,354
1979.....	9	1,675	360	1,315	15,643
1980.....	5	466	90	376	8,169
Total.....	121	16,249	3,010	13,239	196,265

NEBRASKA

1972.....	11	620	186	434	10,971
1973.....	---	---	---	---	---
1974.....	7	329	179	150	3,904
1975.....	10	544	247	297	7,183
1976.....	5	414	176	238	6,116
1977.....	12	1,074	134	940	30,239
1978.....	3	231	61	170	4,807
1979.....	12	2,676	1,803	873	33,800
1980.....	12	868	119	749	22,617
Total.....	72	6,756	2,905	3,851	119,637

NORTH DAKOTA

1972.....	28	2,429	718	1,711	28,331
1973.....	211	21,949	7,321	14,628	215,959
1974.....	249	28,073	10,301	17,772	263,743
1975.....	286	38,721	11,901	26,820	336,253
1976.....	203	29,339	7,523	21,816	427,101
1977.....	238	44,142	10,148	33,994	631,483
1978.....	144	27,665	6,947	20,718	388,898
1979.....	226	33,130	8,348	24,782	445,130
1980.....	121	16,816	4,180	12,636	242,150
1981 <u>1/</u> .....	22	3,135	952	2,183	119,983
Total.....	1,728	245,399	68,339	177,060	3,099,031

1/ The agreements were entered into in 1980. Since compliance could no be rendered during 1980, the agreements were given the beginning date of January 1, 1981.



TABLE 2.--STATUS OF AGREEMENTS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE WATER BANK PROGRAM,  
1972 THROUGH 9/30/80, BY STATES

OREGON

Program Year	Number of Agreements	Designated Acres			Annual Payment
		Total	Wetlands	Adjacent	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
1972.....	2	1,020	212	808	9,142
Total.....	2	1,020	212	808	9,142

SOUTH DAKOTA

1972.....	52	3,664	1,057	2,607	33,681
1973.....	110	15,497	3,569	11,928	163,103
1974.....	175	21,913	5,783	16,130	240,485
1975.....	83	13,840	3,424	10,416	153,588
1976.....	73	12,743	3,612	9,131	136,389
1977.....	166	32,373	5,184	27,189	425,536
1978.....	120	16,482	2,849	13,633	241,927
1979.....	114	16,544	2,332	14,212	319,704
1980.....	112	14,863	2,615	12,248	262,777
Total.....	1,005	147,919	30,425	117,494	1,977,190

VERMONT

1972.....	22	1,676	503	1,173	10,525
1973.....	---	---	---	---	---
1974.....	19	1,310	438	872	12,210
1975.....	53	2,768	1,121	1,647	16,873
1976.....	35	1,854	797	1,057	12,392
Total.....	129	7,608	2,859	4,749	52,000

WASHINGTON

1972.....	9	498	119	379	4,958
1973.....	3	456	91	365	4,657
1974.....	4	413	83	330	6,188
Total.....	16	1,367	293	1,074	15,803

WISCONSIN

1972.....	123	6,374	3,201	3,173	56,406
1973.....	12	956	609	347	10,842
1974.....	62	2,791	1,388	1,403	28,458
1975.....	66	2,901	1,440	1,461	28,319
1976.....	37	1,414	450	964	21,043
1977.....	40	1,705	471	1,234	31,748
1978.....	20	652	255	397	10,346
1979.....	69	3,418	1,111	2,307	80,943
1980.....	54	2,415	926	1,489	55,613
1981 1/.....	2	87	10	77	3,063
Total.....	485	22,713	9,861	12,852	326,781

1/ The agreements were entered into in 1980. Since compliance could not be rendered during 1980, the agreements were given the beginning date of January 1, 1981.

TABLE 3.--SUMMARY OF STATUS OF AGREEMENTS CARRIED OUT  
UNDER THE WATER BANK PROGRAM, 1972 THROUGH  
9/30/80, BY YEARS

Program Year	Number of Agreements	Designated Acres			Annual Payment
		Total	Wetlands	Adjacent	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
1972.....	526	36,668	12,436	24,232	330,714
1973.....	424	47,209	13,723	33,486	484,951
1974.....	949	93,859	30,656	63,203	940,384
1975.....	707	78,147	24,429	53,718	703,940
1976.....	532	62,867	16,715	46,152	759,290
1977.....	712	108,754	22,806	85,948	1,451,698
1978.....	592	73,444	18,388	55,056	998,302
1979.....	839	83,677	21,787	61,890	1,279,284
1980.....	578	59,732	16,785	42,947	964,574
1981 1/....	26	3,366	990	2,376	126,591
Total...	5,885	647,723	178,715	469,008	8,039,728

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TABLE 4.--STATUS OF AGREEMENTS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE WATER BANK PROGRAM,  
1972 THROUGH 9/30/80, BY YEARS

State	Number of Agreements	Designated Acres			Annual Payment
		Total	Wetlands	Adjacent	
		Acres	Acres	Acres	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
California.....	4	1,140	299	841	10,382
Louisiana.....	7	777	372	405	3,881
Maine.....	24	1,870	757	1,113	9,524
Minnesota.....	199	8,761	2,201	6,560	102,952
Mississippi....	23	5,435	2,122	3,313	27,175
Montana.....	22	2,404	689	1,715	22,786
Nebraska.....	11	620	186	434	10,971
North Dakota...	28	2,429	718	1,711	28,331
Oregon.....	2	1,020	212	808	9,142
South Dakota...	52	3,664	1,057	2,607	33,681
Vermont.....	22	1,676	503	1,173	10,525
Washington.....	9	498	119	379	4,958
Wisconsin.....	123	6,374	3,201	3,173	56,406
Total.....	526	36,668	12,436	24,232	330,714

1973 <sup>1/</sup>

California.....	8 <sup>2/</sup>	2,043	585	1,458	14,588
Minnesota.....	62 <sup>2/</sup>	3,956	1,048	2,908	40,647
Montana.....	18 <sup>2/</sup>	2,352	500	1,852	35,155
North Dakota...	211 <sup>2/</sup>	21,949	7,321	14,628	215,959
South Dakota...	110 <sup>2/</sup>	15,497	3,569	11,928	163,103
Washington.....	3 <sup>2/</sup>	456	91	365	4,657
Wisconsin.....	12 <sup>2/</sup>	956	609	347	10,842
Total.....	424	47,209	13,723	33,486	484,951

1974

Arkansas.....	19	5,317	1,538	3,779	26,028
California.....	14	9,243	2,252	6,991	88,346
Louisiana.....	4	505	286	219	2,677
Maine.....	23	827	402	425	4,202
Michigan.....	20	557	113	444	6,720
Minnesota.....	314	16,254	4,672	11,582	214,251
Mississippi....	11	4,036	2,645	1,391	20,180
Montana.....	28	2,291	576	1,715	22,992
Nebraska.....	7	329	179	150	3,904
North Dakota...	249	28,073	10,301	17,772	263,743
South Dakota...	175	21,913	5,783	16,130	240,485
Vermont.....	19	1,310	438	872	12,210
Washington.....	4	413	83	330	6,188
Wisconsin.....	62	2,791	1,388	1,403	28,458
Total.....	949	93,859	30,656	63,203	940,384

- <sup>1/</sup> The WBP was terminated in December 1972. Land owners and operators in 62 designated counties (15 States) had filed requests to participate in the 1973 WBP, but since the Program was terminated, no new agreements were entered into for 1973.
- <sup>2/</sup> The agreements were entered into in 1972. Since compliance could not be rendered during 1972, the agreements were given the beginning date of January 1, 1973. (See 1-WBP).

TABLE 4.--STATUS OF AGREEMENTS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE WATER BANK PROGRAM,  
1972 THROUGH 9/30/80, BY YEARS

1975

State	Number of Agreements	Designated Acres			Annual Payment
		Total	Wetlands	Adjacent	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Arkansas.....	6	4,212	1,182	3,030	21,620
California.....	9	2,510	573	1,937	22,197
Louisiana.....	2	261	196	65	1,305
Maine.....	26	1,602	552	1,050	6,481
Michigan.....	7	322	87	235	2,645
Minnesota.....	135	6,974	1,996	4,978	86,447
Mississippi....	20	2,982	1,582	1,400	14,910
Montana.....	4	510	128	382	6,119
Nebraska.....	10	544	247	297	7,183
North Dakota...	286	38,721	11,901	26,820	336,253
South Dakota...	83	13,840	3,424	10,416	153,588
Vermont.....	53	2,768	1,121	1,647	16,873
Wisconsin.....	66	2,901	1,440	1,461	28,319
Total.....	707	78,147	24,429	53,718	703,940

1976

Arkansas.....	20	3,898	811	3,087	19,516
Lousiana.....	21	2,809	560	2,249	25,291
Maine.....	14	560	138	422	2,825
Michigan.....	5	151	24	127	2,032
Minnesota.....	98	6,652	1,693	4,959	87,076
Mississippi....	17	2,588	864	1,724	12,940
Montana.....	4	445	67	378	6,569
Nebraska.....	5	414	176	238	6,116
North Dakota...	203	29,339	7,523	21,816	427,101
South Dakota...	73	12,743	3,612	9,131	136,389
Vermont.....	35	1,854	797	1,057	12,392
Wisconsin.....	37	1,414	450	964	21,043
Total.....	532	62,867	16,715	46,152	759,290

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Arkansas.....	9	2,146	473	1,673	10,731
California.....	15	5,978	1,363	4,615	61,547
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North Dakota...	238	44,142	10,148	33,994	631,483
South Dakota...	166	32,373	5,184	27,189	425,536
Wisconsin.....	40	1,705	471	1,234	31,748
Total.....	712	108,754	22,806	85,948	1,451,698

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1978

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Total.....	592	73,444	18,388	55,056	998,302

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South Dakota...	112	14,863	2,615	12,248	262,777
Wisconsin.....	54	2,415	926	1,489	55,613
Total.....	578	59,732	16,785	42,947	964,574

1981 <sup>1/</sup>

Minnesota.....	2	144	28	116	3,545
North Dakota...	22	3,135	952	2,183	119,983
.....	2	87	10	77	3,063
Total.....	26	3,366	990	2,376	126,591

<sup>1/</sup> The agreements were entered into in 1980. Since compliance could not be rendered during 1980, the agreements were given the beginning date of January 1, 1981.



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